# DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Press Briefing November 17, 2020

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29,552 total cases739 total lives lost

Hospitalizations:
17 new 153 current 32 critical



## 16,123 positive cases

since first case confirmed on March 11, 2020



## 4,140 positive cases

since first case confirmed on March 11, 2020



14 percentage of <u>persons</u> testing positive (7-day average)

5.5 percentage of <u>tests</u> that are positive (7-day average)

As of November 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

As of November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

### 347.3 new cases per day

(7-day average)

As of November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Test-based Reporting**

385,476

Total Persons Tested

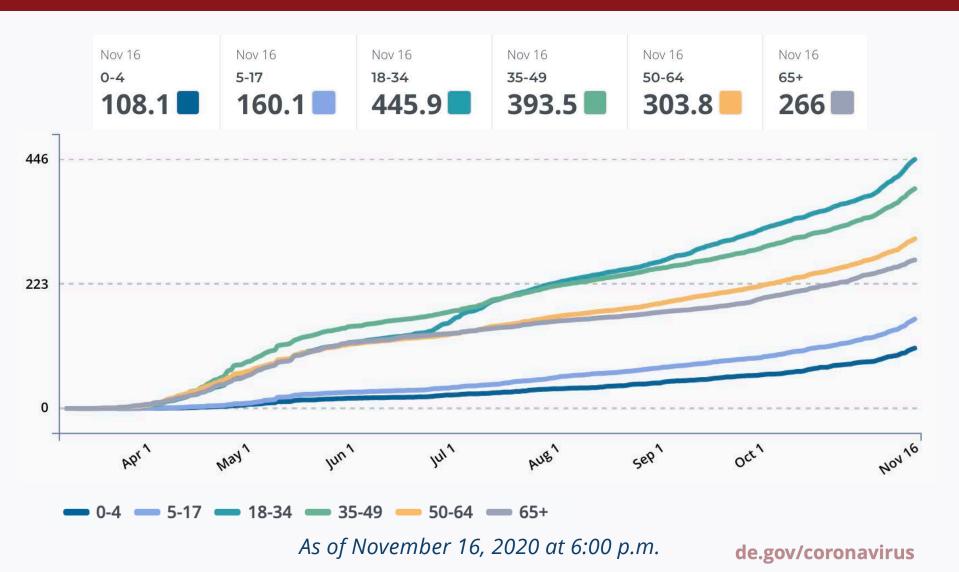
634,013

Total *Tests Administered* 

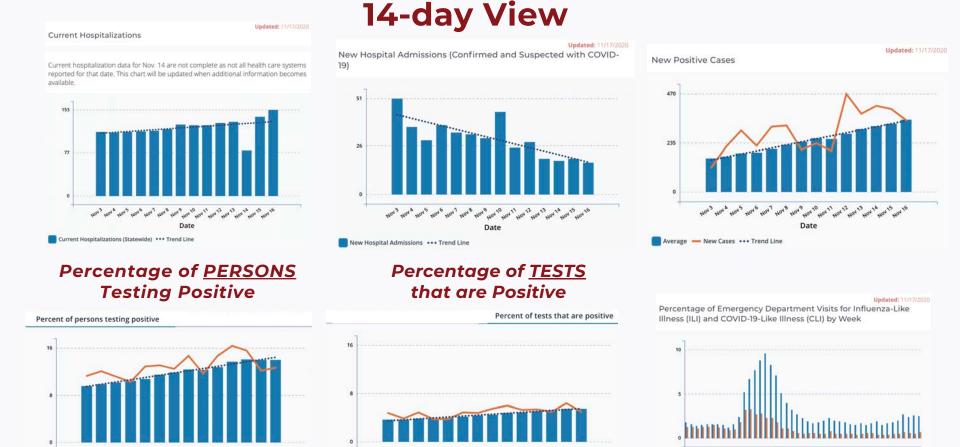
Total count on November 16, 2020

Total count as of November 14, 2020

### Rate of Positive Cases per 10,000 Population by Age Group



#### **COVID-19 Data Dashboard**



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Average — Percent Positive \*\*\* Trend Line

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Week Start Date

Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week

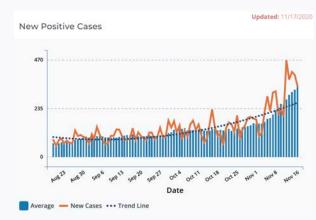
Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) by Week

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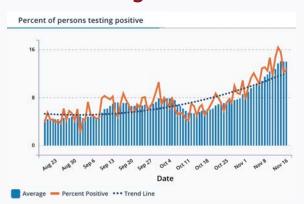




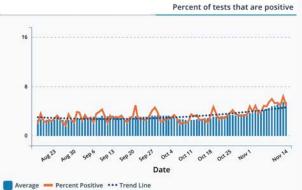




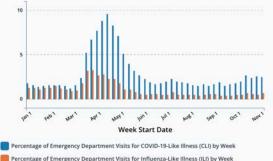
#### Percentage of <u>PERSONS</u> Testing Positive



#### Percentage of <u>TESTS</u> that are Positive



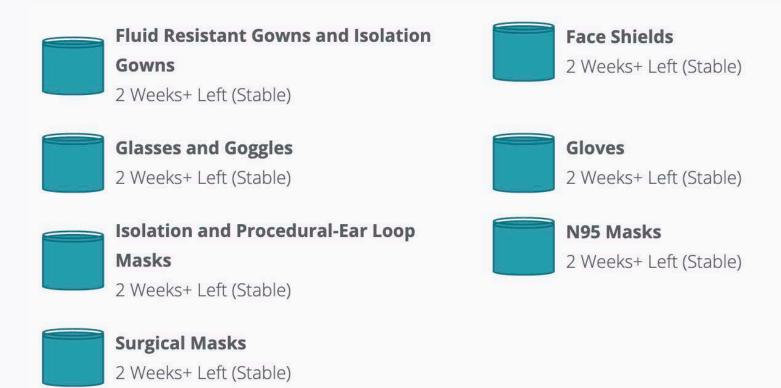
Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like
Illness (ILI) and COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week



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### Delaware's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory Status



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#### **CURRENT HOSPITALIZATIONS**

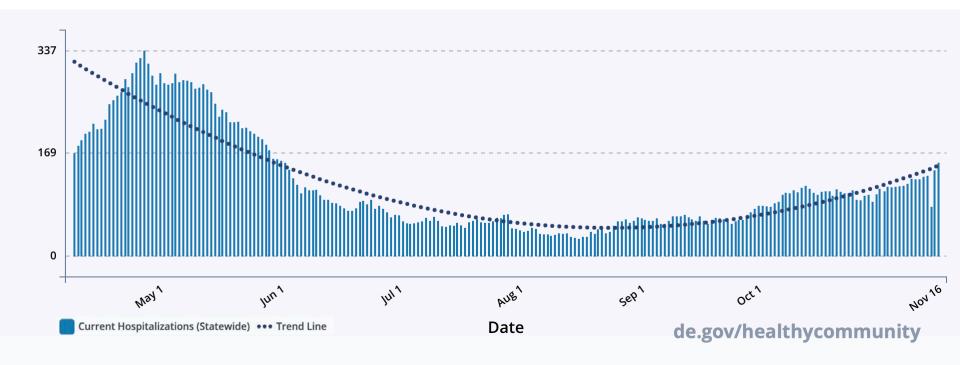
**April 6: 140** 

**April 17** (PEAK): **337** 

June 3: 142

November 16: 153

Current hospitalization data for Nov. 14 are not complete as not all health care systems reported for that date. This chart will be updated when additional information becomes available.



### We are seeing a surge.

Cases are spreading most often during gatherings with others who don't live with them.

TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

#### **EFFECTIVE 8:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

TYPE OF GATHERING	NEW
Indoor gatherings in homes	10 people
Indoor gatherings outside of home Includes: weddings, worship services, performances, political gatherings, and events in public spaces including fire halls	30% of fire capacity limits, up to a limit of 50 people
Outdoor public gatherings	<b>50 people</b> Up to 250 may be allowed with a plan approved by the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH)

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NEW		
Restaurants and Bars	<ul> <li>Must operate at no more than 30% of fire capacity indoors, with allowances for additional outdoor seating.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Must have sign on table that says:         <ul> <li>Please put a mask on when you're not eating or drinking</li> <li>Put a mask on whenever staff approach the table</li> <li>Put a mask on whenever you get up from the table</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	NEW
Exercise Facilities	Masks required at all times in exercise facilities

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#### **EFFECTIVE 8:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

	NEW
Sports	<ul> <li>Prohibits Delaware youth sports organizations, teams and venues from hosting or participating in tournaments with out-of- state teams</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Prohibits Delaware teams from traveling across states lines for tournaments</li> </ul>

### EXPANDING DE RELIEF GRANTS

Up to \$25 million in additional relief for hundreds of businesses that have been disproportionately impacted.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
December 4, 2020
delbiz.com/relief

## You can help keep students in schools.

## Please adjust your holiday plans.



## GIVE THANKS. NOT COVID-19.



This Thanksgiving, remember that COVID-19 doesn't take a holiday. So keep your loved ones safe by finding creative ways to connect. Stay healthy. Stay thankful. And celebrate with only those in your household this year.

For ideas on how to give thanks safely, visit de.gov/coronavirus.

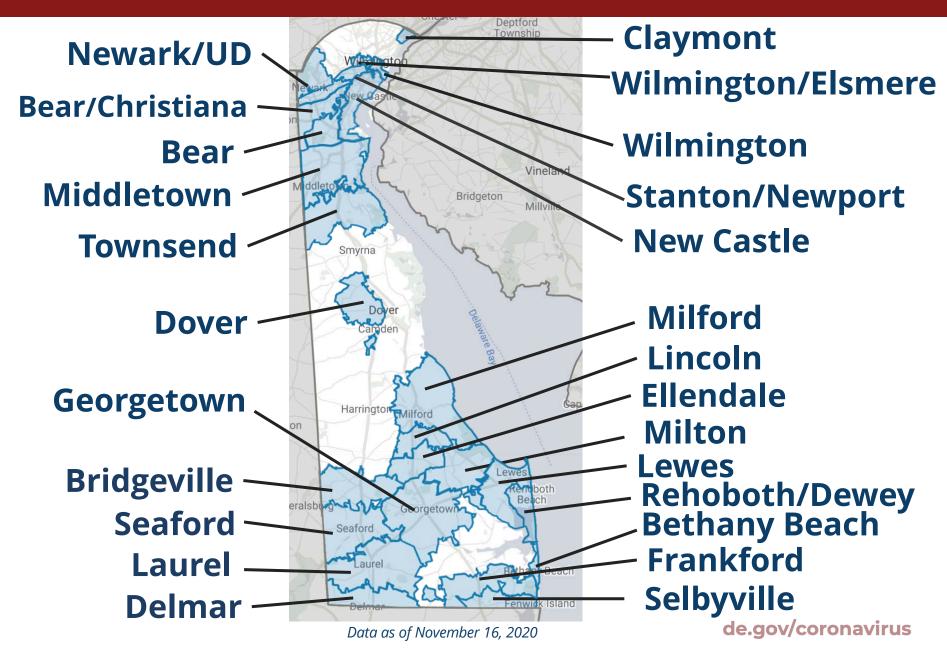
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Director

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#### **Areas of Concern**



# REASONS BEHIND RESTRICTION DECISIONS

#### **Schools are a Priority**

- School closures have negative consequences for all children, especially disadvantaged learners.
- Minimal spread in Delaware within the school setting. Infections are brought in from the outside.
- Growing evidence internationally that schools are not major centers of transmission of COVID-19, especially for young children.
- Schools are safe because of educators and staff are doing a great job.
- With the right mitigation protocols in places, schools are a safe place to be.

#### MMWR

#### SPREAD FROM MAINE WEDDING

Lack of consistent mask use and social distancing at a wedding reception in rural Maine led to multiple COVID-19 outbreaks and deaths



#### Slow the spread of COVID-19



stay home when sick wear masks





### Delaware Gatherings – Large and Small – Led to Spread

- House Parties
- Religious Services
- Weddings and Funerals
- Large and small parties involving restaurant dining
- Other social gatherings in homes

#### Cases reporting attendance at:

Event	August	October
<b>Events/Gatherings</b>		
House Parties Religious Services Other 'large' gatherings Sports Restaurants	18%	28%

<sup>\*</sup>Average number of people at events + from 56 in August to 86 in October

<sup>\*</sup>October events involved nearly 17,000 people

#### RECOMMENDATIONS



- Limit social gatherings from meals to parties — to just those who live in your house.
- You should wear a face covering when you are in public or when around other people you don't live with.
- College students and other young adults returning home should get tested and limit contact with others two weeks prior to your trip. Wear a mask when arriving home.
- Shop Safely. Avoid crowds, be patient, shop online.

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### Director A.J. Schall

**Delaware Emergency Management Agency** 



## TESTING VOLUME November: 58,421

Week	# of Tests	
November 1-7	29,055	
November 8-14	29,366	

#### THANKSGIVING TESTING EVENTS

#### NO PHYSICIAN'S ORDER REQUIRED

Monday, November 23, 2020	Del Tech Terry	8am-8pm	Dover
Monday, November 23, 2020	Epworth UM Church	8am-8pm	Rehoboth Beach
Monday, November 23, 2020	Del Tech Owens	8am-8pm	Georgetown
Tuesday, November 24, 2020	City of Love at Brandywine	10am-4pm	Wilmington
Tuesday, November 24, 2020	Grace Presbyterian Church	8am-8pm	Dover
Tuesday, November 24, 2020	Milford High School	8am-8pm	Milford
Monday, November 23, 2020	Frawley Stadium  Garfield Park Recreation	2pm-7pm	Wilmington
Tuesday, November 24, 2020	Center (Walk up Only)	2pm-6:30pm	New Castle
Wednesday, November 25, 2020	Seeds of Greatness	10am-3pm	New Castle
Wednesday, November 25, 2020	Middletown High School	10am-3pm	Middletown







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## RAPID COVID-19 TESTS FOR DELAWARE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS STATEWIDE

Partnership with
Nemours Children's Health System,
the Delaware Chapter of the
American Academy of Pediatrics, and
other pediatric care providers in Delaware

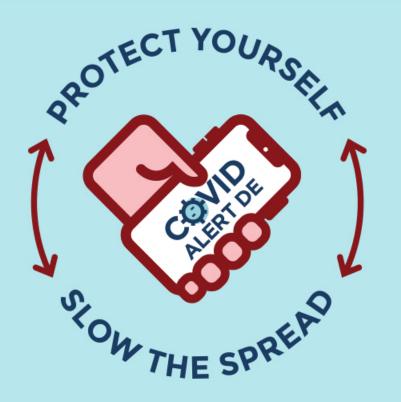
## KNOW YOUR



Please get tested for coronavirus, whether you have symptoms or not. You can help stop the spread.

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#### Download COVID Alert DE



A FREE phone app that protects you AND your privacy.





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Act with a sense of community.

- · Wear a mask.
- Keep your distance.
- Wash your hands.
- Get tested.
- Download COVID Alert DE.
- Protect your neighbors.

For the latest updates:

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